



# Rockville Reports

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• A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE •

## New Recycling and Refuse Collection Days Begin Sept. 15

*Schedule Eliminates Regular Friday Pickups*

Changes to Rockville's recycling and refuse collection days begin the week of Monday, Sept. 15 for about two-thirds of city residents.

In late August, some households whose recycling and refuse is collected by the City of Rockville (single-family homes and most townhomes) were mailed postcards indicating their new collection day. Residents served by a private contractor will not be affected by the changes.

New collection schedules, answers to frequently asked questions about the schedule changes and maps showing collection days for city neighborhoods can be found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse).

heard a presentation on Monday, June 23 about the move to a four-day collection schedule.

Watch a video of the briefing by visiting [www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter) and selecting the June 23 meeting.

The new schedule eliminates Friday collections, except for weeks when City holidays mean collections will occur one day later. Residents will no longer have to put carts curbside on weekends.

The new collection schedule allows the City to combine some routes and reduce the number of collection staff and vehicles. The reduced operational costs will allow Rockville to keep the monthly service fee as low as possible.



**The new recycling and refuse schedule offers the same high level of service.**

### RECYCLING AND REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGES

- A new schedule begins Sept. 15 and means new collection days for most residents.
- The time trucks are in your neighborhood may change, even if your collection day has not changed. Bring carts to the curb or alleyway by 6 a.m. on your collection day.
- The new four-day collection schedule eliminates Friday collections except during certain holiday weeks.

Recycling and refuse trucks will now collect until 5 p.m. The time that a truck is in a particular neighborhood may change even if the collection day for that neighborhood remains the same. To ensure service, residents should continue to bring carts to the curb or alleyway (depending on the collection location) by 6 a.m. on collection day. In the first week of the new schedule, residents with more refuse or recycling than fit in the carts may place additional bags of refuse or boxes of recycling at the curb for collection at no extra charge.

The Mayor and Council

## Our Town – Rockville

• COMING SOON •

### The Mayor and Council Invite You to Help Tell Rockville's Story

"Our Town – Rockville," a Maryland Public Television documentary, will answer the question "What makes Rockville special to you?"

Join the Mayor and Council to select the special characteristics, themes and stories the documentary will feature. Be part of Rockville's story! People from our city's diverse communities, including students, businesses and nonprofits, are encouraged to get involved with the film by attending:

**What:** "Our Town – Rockville" Story Conference

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m.-Noon

**Where:** Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive

**RSVP:** [ourtown@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:ourtown@rockvillemd.gov) (not required)

View this information online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/ourtown](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/ourtown)

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## Learn About and Weigh In On Draft 'Rockville's Pike Plan'

### Mayor and Council to Hold Public Hearing, Walking Town Meeting on the Pike

"Rockville's Pike Plan" sets goals for making a 2-mile corridor of Rockville Pike more inviting to residents, workers, shoppers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders and to add parks and increase open space.

Residents may learn about, and comment on, the Rockville Planning Commission's draft of the plan in several ways.

The Mayor and Council will host an open house and briefing for the public to obtain information and ask questions about the draft on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The first of multiple public hearings on the draft will

be held during the Mayor and Council meeting on Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Rockville's Pike Plan establishes policies for land use, transportation, parks and other key areas along the Pike corridor between Richard Montgomery Drive and the City's southern border, just north of Bou Avenue. The 382-acre study area covered by the plan is projected to be home to 11,460 residents and 13,000 jobs by 2040. That's compared to the 3,500 residents and 9,000 jobs there now.

The Planning Commission completed the plan, and zoning regulations necessary to

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## Rockville City Hall to Close for Labor Day

*Recycling, Refuse Will Be Collected One Day Later Through Saturday, Sept. 6*

Rockville City Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. Most Rockville facilities and programs will not operate Sept. 1.

Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will not occur on Labor Day. Collections will occur one day later than the regular collection day for all homes during the week of Sept. 1, with Friday collections made on Saturday, Sept. 6. For more information, call 240-314-8568 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse).

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open on Labor Day. Indoor pools will be open noon-8 p.m. The rest of the facility will be open noon-9 p.m. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter) for individual pool schedules.



### Most Rockville Facilities Are Closed on Labor Day

The following facilities will not operate Sept. 1: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Rockville Civic Center Park offices, including Glenview Mansion and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery; The Lincoln Park, Twinbrook and Thomas Farm community centers and the Rockville Senior Center.

For more information, go to [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-5000. ✦

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Impact the life of a young person this school year.

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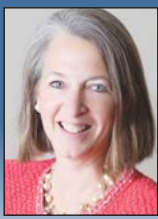
## MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, worksessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville channel 11 and are available on streaming video at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Community Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

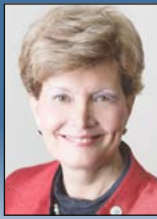
- Sept. 8 (Monday)
- Sept. 15 (Monday)
- Sept. 22 (Monday)
- Sept. 29 (Monday)

The mayor and one councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 is appreciated. Along with Mayor Newton, the councilmember scheduled is Tom Moore on Monday, Sept. 8.

# Mayor & Council



Mayor  
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember  
Beryl L. Feinberg



Councilmember  
Tom Moore



Councilmember  
Virginia D. Onley



Councilmember  
Julie Palakovich Carr

## IN BRIEF

### Nominate a Neighbor for Award

The City's annual Good Neighbor Award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Rockville residents who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods, often without seeking or receiving recognition for their service.

Consider nominating family members, friends or neighbors who have performed a good deed or provided a service to their Rockville community. Adult or youth nominees must:

- Be a resident of the City of Rockville.
- Have made a significant contribution to their community during the current year.
- Not be employed by the City of Rockville.

Learn more about the award and the 2013 recipients, in a Rockville 11 report on the City's YouTube channel.

The deadline for nominations is Oct. 1. For more information contact Rocio Snowdy at [rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov).

### Rockville City Police Offer Digital, No-Ink Fingerprinting

The Rockville City Police Department is now offering Livescan digital fingerprinting services to the public. There are many reasons for citizens to be fingerprinted, including background checks for job requirements and volunteering or specialized certifications.

The Livescan system is a digital no-ink system, which allows fingerprints to be sent electronically to the State of Maryland for verification. The state performs the requested background research and sends the results to the agency or entity requesting the scan.

Fingerprinting services are offered for a fee at the Police station in the historic post office building at 2 West Montgomery Ave. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

For more information on the Rockville City Police Department's fingerprinting services, including fees, online-scheduling and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/fingerprinting](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/fingerprinting).



### Mayor and Council Consider Future of King Farm Farmstead

An architect recently presented the "King Farm Farmstead Facility Condition Assessment Report" to the Mayor and Council. Read details on page 3.

## Mayor and Council Vote to Lengthen Terms to Four Years

*Decision Follows Voter Support for the Change*

Rockville's next Mayor and Council can expect to serve longer terms after City leaders voted July 14 to lengthen terms from two to four years.

The change will take effect with the 2015 election.

About 54 percent of Rockville voters supported increasing Mayor and Council terms from two to four years in an advisory referendum question on the 2013 election ballot.

The Mayor and Council considered the outcome of the referenda, but were not required to change the charter according to the

results.

Voters opposed two other potential charter changes posed on the 2013 ballot, with 53 percent voting against moving City elections to the same years as presidential elections and slightly more than 50 percent voting against adding two council seats to the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor and Council decided not to take action on those proposed changes.

For more information on the charter change, call the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280. ✦

## Some Residents to Receive Community Survey

*Recipients Are Asked to Complete and Return the Questionnaire*

The City's eighth biennial Community Survey will arrive in some Rockville mailboxes in early October.

The survey provides an opportunity to rate satisfaction with the quality of life in the City, the community's amenities and local government services.

A sample of households is selected at random to participate in the survey. Translation services will be provided for those who need

assistance.

The National Research Center (NRC) will conduct the survey. Responses will be anonymous.

If you receive a survey, please take the time to complete it and return it by the date indicated. The survey results help the City improve the quality of services to the community.

To read about the 2012 survey visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/survey](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/survey). ✦

### Rockville Pike Plan

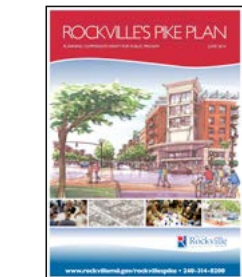
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carry out some of the plan's policies, in June after three years of public input, discussion and editing. This is the first update of a plan for this area since 1989.

Planning Commission Chair Don Hadley provided opening remarks during a Mayor and Council briefing on the draft plan on July 21.

The new plan sets policy on a wide variety of issues, including:

- Changes to maximum permitted building heights and setback requirements.
- Redesigning the Pike as a boulevard with standardized local access roads



### PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- SEPT. 29,
- OCT. 27,
- NOV. 17, AND
- DEC. 8

that have dedicated areas for bicyclists, more comfortable and safer spaces for pedestrians, and accommodations for bus rapid transit.

- New streets and streetscapes, with side-

walks and accommodations for bicyclists, which will be built to coincide with redevelopment in and around the Pike corridor.

- The addition of parks and publicly accessible open space.

The plan seeks to ensure that there is a mix of residential and non-residential uses along the corridor, that existing residential neighborhoods are protected and that the Pike retains and attracts local and national retail to enhance the corridor's economic viability.

The Mayor and Council will hold four public hearing dates for the Pike Plan. They are:

- Sept. 29;
- Oct. 27;
- Nov. 17; and

- Dec. 8.

To read the plan, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike).

Hard copies are available at City Hall, the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries, and at Rockville community centers. More information is available from the planning department; contact Cindy Kebba at [ckebba@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:ckebba@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8233.

The public record for written comments on the plan is open. Testimony may be sent to the Mayor and Council at [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov), or by mail to City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. ✦

## Community Services and Environmental Management Move to City Hall

Rockville's Community Services and Environmental Management divisions have moved. Formerly located at 20 Courthouse Square, the offices moved in August to renovated first floor offices in City Hall, at 111 Maryland Ave.

The offices can be accessed through the main entrance to City Hall. Parking is available free-of-charge to visitors who sign in at the counter in the

main lobby.

Telephone numbers remain the same for offices in either division. Call Environmental Management at 240-314-8870 and Community Services at 240-314-8310.

The Community Services Division provides programs and services to help at-risk and disadvantaged youth and families become self-sufficient, make positive life choices, and

adjust to life and societal challenges. This division coordinates and administers the City's annual caregiver grant program, provides staff support to the Human Services Advisory Commission, and coordinates the Rockville Holiday Drive.

The division provides emergency financial assistance for eligible Rockville residents in need. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/ncs/](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/ncs/).

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The Environmental Management Division oversees the City's sustainability and pollution control efforts and provides recycling and refuse collection and stormwater management. The division's programs promote energy efficiency, green building, stewardship of natural resources and water quality protection. The division supports the City's Environment Commission. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/environment](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment). ✦



## FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** **SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide).

**1 Labor Day.** Rockville City Hall is closed. There is no recycling and refuse collection. If your regularly scheduled collection day is on or after the holiday, your collection will be on the following day. See page 1 for City facilities' holiday info.

**3 "All-Day Exercise"** offers 25-min. demonstrations highlighting the senior center's fall exercise options. Open to seniors 60 and older. Trainers will be on hand to answer questions, plus body composition analysis, blood pressure screenings and light healthy snacks. 1150 Carnation Dr., 10 a.m. **SR**

**3,10,17,24 Wednesday Farmers Market at Dawson's Market**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., parking lot of Dawson's Market, 225 N. Washington St. Vendors plus food from Dawson's BBQ (all natural burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers).

# September Calendar

R = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

**5 Pajama Jam and Movie Night** Find comfy pajamas and a sleeping bag and bring your friends and family for a movie on the big screen. Popcorn and other refreshments available for purchase. Open to students grades 1-5. 7-9 p.m. Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Register for course #48148. Cost is \$3R/\$5NR.

**5,6,7 "The Charlatan" by The Victorian Lyric Opera Company** Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre) for tickets. See page 4 for more details. **FSF**

**6,13,20,27 Saturday Rockville Farmers Market** Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods and more are available for purchase. All items are picked fresh daily and are available as supplies last. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

**6 Doggie Dip Day** Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, noon-4 p.m. See ad on page 4 for details.

**7-26 Glenview Mansion Art Exhibit** Juried exhibit by the Sumi-e Society featuring works using the East Asian brush technique. Meet the artists and hear a concert using traditional Chinese instruments at the opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. See the article on page 4 for more details. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery).

**9 Concert Under the Stars** Get into the swing of things as the Rockville Swing Band performs a free concert on the grounds of the senior center. All ages are welcome. Chairs will be provided. Presented by the City's Senior Citizens Commission. 1150 Carnation Drive, 7-8:30 p.m. **SR**

**13 Salute Nonprofits at the Rockville Farmers Market** Residents will have the chance to learn about many of the nonprofit agencies working in the community. Students can meet representatives of nonprofits to discuss volunteer opportunities that fulfill schools' Student Service Learning requirements. 9 a.m.-noon, corner of East Jefferson (Route 28) and Monroe Streets, in the jury parking lot. **FREE!**

**13 Green Your Backyard Information Session** Learn about Rain-Scapes Rewards and other City programs designed to help green your backyard and reduce pollution. Rockville residents will be eligible to enter a free raffle for a rain barrel. Registration is required, see form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/environment](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment). For questions, contact 240-314-8877 or [rain-scapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rain-scapes@rockvillemd.gov). 10:30 a.m.-noon. **CC**

**14 Family Ramble: Creek Crawl** Join a naturalist on a hike through the Hayes Forest Preserve and wade into the creek to catch and examine critters. Nets and equipment provided. Closed-toe shoes required. Trails are not stroller-friendly. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants, including adults, must register. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Course #48857. \$3R/\$5NR **CC**

**15 Recycling and Refuse Collection Schedule** Begins with new collection days for most residents. See page 1 for details. **NEW!**

**17 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program** Offers free income tax preparation for prior year and amended returns for 2011 through 2013 to families with annual incomes less than \$52,000. Call 240-314-8310 to inquire about eligibility and schedule an appointment. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **CH**

**18 Nature Tots: Insect Explorers** A naturalist will help you and your child explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Ages 2-5. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Pre-registration strongly recommended. 10-11:30 a.m. Course #48795. \$8R/\$10NR. **CC**

**19 Teen Late Night Friday** Teens can enjoy a night of music and dancing, games in the gym, computers, video games and crafts. Refreshments are for sale. Space is limited. Open to grades 6-9. Register at course #4815. Pre-registration: \$7R/\$10NR. At the door: \$10R/\$15NR, beginning at 6:30 p.m. 7-9:30 p.m. at Thomas Farm Community Center.

**20 "Our Town - Rockville"** Help tell Rockville's story in this Maryland Public Television documentary. Planning meeting to discuss what should be included in the final film and how the public can get involved. Open to everyone. 9:30 a.m.-noon. See ad on page 1 for details. **SR**

**20 "Be PART of Rockville ARTS"** Watch vignettes by the Rockville Civic Ballet, Rockville Chorus, Rockville Concert Band, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre and Victorian Lyric Opera Company and see exhibits by the Rockville Art League, an art project by VisArts and a literary offering by the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. at Town Square Plaza. 1-4 p.m. See the article on page 4 for more details. Call 240-314-8681. **FREE!**

**20 "Sankhya Vaibhava"** by Nriyjanali Performance Ensemble. World premiere of an original grand dance production in Bharatanatyam (classical Indian dance). For tickets, call 301-330-8573. 7-9:30 p.m. **FSF**

**20 Off-Leash Dog Testing** Dogs must have a current Rockville dog license in order to take the test. Dogs and owners must be recertified each year. Pre-registration is required. Call 240-314-8937. Cost: \$5 per dog. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash), 10-11 a.m., Rockville Swim and Fitness Center.



**20,27 Oct. 11 Yoga in Our Parks** Let the sun shine on your salutations in these free beginner yoga classes in City parks. Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. Lower blood pressure, increase flexibility and relax your mind. All ages are welcome. Bring mat and water bottle. In case of inclement weather, call 240-314-5023 to check on the class status. Class locations:  
• Sat., 20, King Farm Farmstead shelter, 1101 Grand Champion Drive  
• Sat., 27, Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive.  
• Sat., Oct. 11, North Farm Park, 600 Farm Pond Lane

**21 Rabies Clinic** Free or discounted rabies vaccinations after pet licenses are purchased at the clinic for Rockville, Gaithersburg and Montgomery County pets. 8-10:30 a.m., Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center, 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood. For more information, call 240-314-8930.

**27 Saturday Story and Hike** A naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Dress for the weather. Age 2-5. Adult participation required. 10-11 a.m. Course #48853. \$4R/\$6NR. **CC**

**28 Pastiche by Rockville Concert Band** A blend of favorite works picked by band members, led by music director John Saint Amour. See page 4 for details. 3-5 p.m. **FSF**

**30 Flu Shot Clinic** offered to senior center members. Bring Medicare or insurance cards. No registration required. Without insurance: \$28 for a regular dose, \$35 for a high dose and \$35 for pneumonia. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

For the most up-to-date event listings visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek) and sign up for the weekly email newsletter.

## Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check the City website for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

**10,17 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, on Rockville 11.

**13 Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.-noon. Meets the second Saturday of each month.

**17 Rockville Housing Enterprises**, Board of Commissioners 6:30 p.m. Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 621-A Southlawn Lane.

**18 Historic District Commission** 7:30-10 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of each month, on Rockville 11.

**23 Traffic and Transportation Commission** 8:30 p.m. Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**25 Recreation and Park Advisory Board** 7 p.m. at the VisArts Rooftop, 155 Gibbs St. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month.

## Vacancies

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). The City is seeking applicants for:

- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (2 and 1 student representative)
- Human Rights Commission (2)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (3)
- Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. (1)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
- Rockville Sister City Corporation (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Sign Review Board (1)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING, VISIT [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV)

## Oh Deer! 'Go Green' Lecture Discusses Deer in Rockville

### Croydon Creek Hosts Natural Resources Expert

Deer are a fact of life in Montgomery County. If four-legged neighbors are feasting on your garden or landscaping, don't despair. Visit the Croydon Creek Nature Center at 852 Avery Road on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. for a deer management workshop.

The free lecture, cosponsored by the center and the Rockville's Deer Management Task Force and offered as part of the City's Go Green lecture series,

will explore the lives of deer and discuss how to lessen the impact of deer on your yard. George Timko, deer project leader with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will answer questions.

Register for the "Deer in Rockville" lecture (course #48861) by Monday, Sept. 15. Learn more in the fall recreation guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide). ❖

## Mayor and Council Take First Step on King Farm Farmstead Improvements

The Mayor and Council recently took steps to embark on a multi-year phased approach to addressing the deterioration of the 7-acre historic King Farm Farmstead.

Wheeler, Goodman, Masek Architects & Interiors presented the "King Farm Farmstead Facility Condition Assessment Report" to the Mayor and Council on Aug. 11.

The report is part of an effort to begin to address, in the fiscal year that ends June 30, structural deficiencies and to minimize potentially dangerous conditions in and around the buildings at 1101 Grand Champion Drive, in the King Farm neighborhood.

City staff will ask the Historic District Commission (HDC) for input on the architect's recommendations to demolish a horse barn and silo connectors in the dairy barns at the King Farm Farmstead.

In addition to briefing the HDC, the Mayor and Council approved funding for the management of the groundhog population on the site and for a comprehensive hazardous materials survey for each of the structures.

Learn more about the property and the efforts to find an appropriate use for the site at [www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarm-farmstead](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarm-farmstead). ❖



## IN BRIEF

### Registration is Open for Rockville Before- and After-School Programs

Rockville offers several weekday programs for kids in kindergarten through 10th grade at community centers and schools. These supervised programs include homework time, computer labs, crafts, organized games and other enrichment opportunities.

The following programs serve elementary school students (K-5) and include a snack:

- Early Birds, 7-9 a.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. (Transportation is provided to Meadow Hall and Twinbrook elementary schools.)
- After School Adventure, 3-6:30 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.
- Twinbrook After School Club, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Twinbrook Elementary School.
- Clubhouse After School, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Lincoln Ave.

Rockville's teen programs offer:

- Totally Teens (grades 6-10), 3-6:30 p.m. at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. (Transportation is provided from Julius West Middle School.)
- Rockville Leadership Academy, 3-6 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. The leadership academy is new this year for grades 5-8, and offers leadership development and Student Service Learning opportunities. If needed, free transportation is available after the program to Lincoln Park Community Center, where students can be picked up.

Financial assistance and payment plans are available to eligible participants. Programs are canceled when Montgomery County Public Schools cancels after school activities due to weather or other emergencies.

Learn more in the fall recreation guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide) or by calling 240-314-8620. Some programs may have a waiting list.

### Youth Tennis Tournament to Feature Kid-Sized Courts and Nets

Kids age 9-12 can participate in Rockville's fall Youth Tennis Tournaments.

The tournament emphasizes skill development in a fun, non-competitive tournament sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association. Players will use kid-sized courts, nets and low compression balls.

Ages 9-10 play Saturday, Sept. 20. Ages 11-12 play Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28. Register by Monday, Sept. 15.

Find course numbers and fees in the fall recreation guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide) and register online at [rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov](http://rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov) or by calling 240-314-8620.



### It's That Time: Rockville's Doggie Dip Day Is Here

Give your pet the rare opportunity to swim in a pool. Due to regulations, humans are not permitted in the water. Proof of your dog's current rabies vaccination is required.

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 6

**Time:** Noon-4 p.m. (rain or shine)

**Location:** Rockville Swim and Fitness Center  
355 Martins Lane, Rockville, MD 20850

**Contact:** 240-314-8750

**Cost:** \$5 per dog

# Fall Activities in Focus

## The Arts are Alive in Rockville

*Visit Town Square and Experience the Arts on Sept. 20*

The City invites residents to a special free event, "Be PART of Rockville ARTS" in Town Square Plaza on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1-4 p.m.

Visitors can watch vignettes by the Rockville

Civic Ballet, Rockville Chorus, Rockville Concert Band, Rockville Little Theatre, Rockville Musical Theatre and Victorian Lyric Opera Company.

Other activities include visual presentations by the

Rockville Art League, an art project by VisArts at Rockville and a literary offering by the F.



Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc.

"Be PART of Rockville ARTS" is free and open to all ages. (In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.) For more information, call 240-314-8681.



### Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

Also in September, Glenview Mansion Art Gallery will host a free juried exhibit by the Sumi-e Society featuring works using the East Asian brush technique.

The free opening reception is Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and the exhibit

runs through Sept. 26. The Guzheng Society will present a concert using traditional Chinese musical instruments during the reception at 2 p.m.

The gallery, in the mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, at 603 Edmonston Drive, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the gallery is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. It is closed on official holidays and is wheelchair accessible.

For more information on exhibits, concerts or on purchasing artwork from the gallery, contact Julie Farrell at [jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8682.

For more information about the arts visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/arts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/arts) or call 240-314-8690.

### Fitzgerald Theatre Presents Indian Dance, Opera and Band Favorites

A comic opera, classical Indian dance, and a performance of concert band members' favorite music are on tap this month at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents "The Charlatan," an opera set in a Russian village on Sept. 5-6 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. In this opera, Prince Boris is obliged to marry a woman of his rank or risk losing his fortunes to his uncle. See what happens when the uncle presents a peasant woman disguised as a princess to be

Boris' wife. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$16 for students.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m., catch the Nrityanjali Performance Ensemble's world premiere of "Sankhya Vaibhava," an original grand dance production in Bharatanatyam (classical Indian dance). For tickets, call 301-330-8573.

The Rockville Concert Band will play a mix of its members' favorite works when they perform "Pastiche," on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. The band, comprised of 75 volunteer musicians, plays under the direction of John Saint Amour. No tickets are required; a \$5 donation is suggested. ✦

## Mentors Wanted to Meet Weekly with Rockville Students

The City is seeking volunteers to mentor Rockville elementary school students during the 2014-2015 school year.

The mentoring program matches adults or high school students with elementary school students. The partnership between the City and dedicated community members offers mentors a chance to impact the life of a young person.

Mentors meet with students one-on-one for one hour once a week from October through May, offering homework help, playing games, doing crafts and providing conversation. Mentors and mentees meet in group settings with other participants in the program.

Mentoring training and ongoing support is provided by the City. Mentors do not need specific skills, but a willingness to listen and

offer guidance, friendship and encouragement.

Student Service Learning hours are available for high school students age 16 and older.

To learn more about the program and how to become a mentor, contact Kate Bouwkamp, Community Services Program Coordinator at 240-314-8317 or [kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:kbouwkamp@rockvillemd.gov). ✦



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